

Amendment No. 110 to SB7001

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001*

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by deleting subsection (a) in § 3-6-202 in SECTION 25 of the bill and substituting instead the following:

(a) The members and staff of the Tennessee ethics commission shall preserve the confidentiality of all commission proceedings, including records relating to a preliminary investigation. Such records shall be exempt from the Tennessee Public Records Act, compiled in title 10, chapter 7 and shall be confidential until:

(1) The alleged violator requests in writing that such investigation and associated records and meetings be made public;

(2) The commission finds that probable cause exists to believe that a violation has occurred. Upon such determination, the records and proceedings shall be made public on:

(A) The date the public hearing to determine whether a violation has occurred commences; or

(B) The date the commission refers a matter based upon such finding of probable cause; or

(3) The commission determines that no probable cause exists to believe that a violation has occurred. Upon such determination, the records and proceedings shall be made public sixty (60) days after:

(A) The date the report of the commission's finding is issued, if the complainant does not request a probable cause hearing pursuant to §3-6-203(b)(1); or

(B) The date the commission issues its finding of no probable cause from a probable cause hearing.

A member of the commission or a member of the commission staff may acknowledge receipt of a complaint or may disclose information to the extent necessary to successfully pursue an investigation. In no event shall such information against a candidate in any election, as defined in § 2-10-102, be disclosed during the period from thirty (30) days immediately preceding the commencement of voting for such election through election day unless the candidate requests in writing the disclosure of such information.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the last sentence of subdivision (b)(1) of section 3-6-203 in SECTION 25 beginning "All records and proceedings of the commission".